

A photograph of a stone sign for Timberlane Regional High School. The sign is mounted on two brick pillars and features the school's name, a logo of an owl, the motto 'HOME OF THE OWLS', and the founding year 'CLASS OF 1989'.

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REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



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On August 29, we welcomed our faculty back into the building after a summer of rest and relaxation, with a few exciting events thrown in such as, weddings and the birth of new babies. We are always happy to see our Owls family grow. Later that same evening, at our annual Freshmen Orientation, administrators, counselors, and teachers all greeted our new freshmen students and their parents. It was a wonderful precursor to our opening day on August 31. It is always exciting to witness our students reunite with friends, meet their new teachers, and begin to engage themselves in regular school fall activities. Now that we have all been together for a little over a week, everyone, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators are adjusting well to the change in our daily class schedule. The pace of the 90 minute classes and a few new rules and regulations have made the halls quieter, the passing time less hectic, and the entire tone of the building ideal for learning. All in all, I could not be more pleased with the start of the new school year.

Heading a new project this year to help create a feeling of goodness and unity throughout our school is new Assistant Principal Scott Strainge, and veteran teachers Meg Guanci and Ken Blaszk. With a team of faculty and student volunteers, they have asked the student body to create and submit suggested themes or mottos to live by throughout the school year. Some of the themes that have come forward include “Carpe Diem - Seize the Day,” “Kuliana,” which is Hawaiian for responsibility, and also recognizes our school’s partnership with Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu, Hawaii. Even the Latin word, honorificabilitudinitatibus, or said simply, “the state of being able to achieve honors,” has come forward as a possibility. The students and staff have been requested to participate in a vote to choose which theme, among those I mentioned and many others, is the best for our school. The winning theme will be announced next week, and the team will continue to meet on the project to create events and activities that will reinforce the chosen theme throughout the year.

One of the more important ingredients of success in school is communication. Parents and students, if you have questions, or you encounter difficulty, please share your concern with someone in the building so we can assist. As a general rule, if you are experiencing a classroom concern, it is best to involve the teacher as a first point of contact. We find that most problems can be solved at this level. If instead you have scheduling issues or concerns about social and emotional conflicts, please consider contacting a school counselor. Although, if there are issues of safety or other problems that you are reluctant to share with either teachers or counselors, myself, and my administrative team are always willing to talk through and help resolve problems. We are confident that with accurate and timely feedback, we can effectively deal with your concerns. I look forward to working with you to make it a successful year for your student.

Donald H. Woodworth

TRHS forecast

- >> **Freshmen Adventurelore Field Trips**
09/11 - 09/14
- >> **College Fair**
09/11 - 09/12
- >> **Class Ring Orders - Herff Jones Rep**
09/13 - 09/14 | 10:30am - 12:30pm
- >> **Milkmen Show**
09/14 | PAC | 7:00 - 9:30pm
- >> **Senior Parent Night**
09/26 | Café | 6:30pm
- >> **24 Hour Play Project**
09/29 - 09/30 | PAC
- >> **Senior Class Picture**
10/03
- >> **No School - Columbus Day**
10/09
- >> **No School - Professional Dev. Day**
10/10
- >> **Spirit Week**
10/11 - 10/13
- >> **Milkmen Show**
10/12 | PAC | 7:00 - 9:30pm
- >> **Financial Aid Information Night**
10/16 | PAC | 6:00 - 8:30pm
- >> **Picture Day Re-Takes**
10/25 | Library | 7:00 - 10:00am
- >> **Macbeth Theatre Production**
10/26 - 10/28 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm
10/28 | PAC | 2:00 - 5:00pm

School Counseling News

School counselors will be meeting with the new freshmen in small groups for **Freshmen Transition Meetings**. Counselors will discuss their transition to high school and ensure that students are aware of and are accessing resources that are available to them.

Counselors will also be holding **Senior Seminars** with small groups of seniors to discuss post-secondary planning and review the college application process. Following these meetings they will begin meeting one on one with seniors to check on each senior's progress. **Senior Parent Night** will be held Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30pm to review the college application process for parents and students who plan on applying to two or four year colleges.

Seniors have been getting a jumpstart on their common application during our first **Common App Drop-In Work Session** held earlier this week. Counselors were on hand to answer any questions while students worked to complete their common application. Students are welcome to attend as many sessions as needed. Additional sessions will be held throughout the fall. Seniors will receive email notifications with the dates and times as sessions are scheduled.

Introducing Pickup Patrol

We are excited to offer a new service to the high school called PickUp Patrol. PickUp Patrol is an award winning application that will enable parents and guardians to put in **student absences and bus changes only** at the high school this year via the web or a smartphone application instead of sending in notes or phone calls. The district used PickUp Patrol at the K-8 grades last year and it was very well received from parents. Please note this is not used for dismissals, parents or guardian still need to come in or send in a physical dismissal note per our procedure. Phone calls, emails, or faxed messages are not acceptable.

PickUp Patrol is a secure application that uses your registered email address with the district and always sends an email confirmation when your student has an absence or bus change submitted.

Parents received a welcome email directly from PickUp Patrol on August 29. The program allows new users 48 hours to create a password from the system. If you missed this window, please call the front office at the high school and we will be able to resend the welcome message to you. Once you log in, there are online tutorials and help available to guide you through using the applications. For more information on PickUp Patrol, please visit their [website](#).



Fifth Annual College Fair

The School Counseling Department is excited to announce their 5th Annual College Fair to be held in the TRHS Gymnasium on Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. One of the biggest decisions a student will make in high school is determining their post secondary plan. It is our hope that by inviting these representatives to TRHS we are adding another layer of awareness to our post secondary planning process. Over 100 Colleges and Universities are expected to participate in the program during the two day period. Junior and Senior students will attend both dates to meet with different college admissions officers as well as representatives from the branches of the United States Military.

Although parking will be limited, we would like to invite junior and senior parents to attend if they can make it. Once again, TRHS is partnering with Bishop Guertin High School to attract a wide variety of college representatives. College representatives are eager to speak with students and their parents about offerings within their campuses. This is an opportunity to interact one on one with admissions representatives to discuss admissions requirements, program offerings, financial aid and scholarship options.

School counselors will be providing students with a list of potential questions to ask representatives. Please [visit our website](#) to view this list as well as a list of participating colleges.

Student Supports

As part of our continuous goal to provide students the necessary tools and supports to be successful learners, there are some added support options available for students to access during the school day. During a student's study there will be the flexibility to access supports from teachers across various content areas within designated spaces. Students will have opportunities to work on assignments, skills, projects, and research as well as time to collaborate with peers on projects and/or class assignments during study time when possible. It is also a vehicle for RTI (Response to Intervention) – a time and place where all students can access support and interventions. Some students will be assigned to specific staff members for intervention and support. All students will have the ability to work with a peer tutor or staff in the Academic Support Center, the Media Center, or the Writing Lab during study time. We are pleased to be able to provide some newly developed resources and supports for students and continue moving forward with additional options.

Welcome to the Health Office

Our health office staff consists of two registered nurses and an administrative assistant, all of which are always happy to assist students, parents, and staff in any way they can. The school nurses routinely provide preventative health services, illness and injury assessments, first aid, and occasionally provide emergency response and treatment. The nurses can administer medication for your child based on doctor's orders that a parent/guardian would be responsible to provide to the health office staff. Each of the nurses have many years of experience and will provide assessment, teaching, consultation, and referrals for a variety of medical issues. The school nurses are present in the school to be a liaison between home and school regarding health concerns and to service as a health resource for you and your child.

The Milkmen Are Coming!

The Milkmen are an improvisational comedy group comprised of Timberlane students and directed by English teacher, Michael Castano, and produced by our very own theatre aficionado, Eric Constantineau. Each month the group performs full, two hour shows that are open to students, parents, staff, and the greater community to attend. The Milkmen graciously donate the proceeds from their ticket sales of every show to worthy causes such as school clubs, organizations, and charities. With their first show of the school year coming up on September 14, in the Performing Arts Recital Hall, the Milkmen's earned profits will be donated to help with Hurricane Harvey relief projects. We invite everyone out for a night of laughter and to lend a helping hand to Harvey victims.

Creative Night Owls

The 24 Hour Play Festival is a true act of love, and one of the most challenging theatrical weekends we have at Timberlane. On a Friday evening, members of a Playwriting class meet in the PAC Recital Hall. There are given a theme or an idea for a one act play, a list of actors they need to write for, and one prop they must use in the play. The students then spending from 8:00pm until 6:00am the following morning to write a one act play. In the morning the playwrights head home for some well deserved rest, and the actors arrive. They have the day to rehearse the plays and at seven o'clock Saturday evening we open the doors to the public as we premiere all the newly written plays. It is truly a magical weekend, so please consider joining us **Saturday, September 30, at 7:00pm** to witness the spectacular talent of these young playwrights and actors.